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UNDER 37 C.F.R § 1.121 & SUBMISSION OF CORRECTED SECTION

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Sir:

In reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed by the U. S. Patent & Trademark Office on 19 August 2004, Applicants respectfully re-submit the corrected section titled, "AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS" of the Amendment and Reply to Office Action filed 5 August 2004, in the present application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.